October 21

Unveiling of the new Sándor Petőfi monument

Petőfi újra itt · Petőfi est de retour · Petőfi is back

PETŐFI SQUARE
STRASBOURG
Wed., 16:30

1848 and 1956 – The legacy of freedom and independence in Europe



From plaster to bronze – the birth of the new relief

The restoration of the Petőfi monument in Strasbourg, vandalised in spring 2026, was carried out on the initiative and under the coordination of the European Hungarian Diaspora Network (EMDH), with the cooperation of the City of Strasbourg and the Permanent Representation of Hungary to the Council of Europe. The Association Franco-Hongroise, creator of the original monument, joined the process.

Festive programme

Organised by EMDH

16:15 — *Arrival – cockades, warm pogácsa (savoury scones)*

16:30 — **Opening and welcome addresses**
City of Strasbourg · Ambassador Ágnes Kertész · AFH · ACH · EMDH

16:45 — **Ceremonial speech**
Márton Hajdú, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Hungarian National Assembly

16:55 — **UNVEILING OF THE MONUMENT**
Petőfi in folk song (Zirc) · Hungarian anthem

17:05 — **Seven candles, seven flowers**
1848 and 1956 – seven communities, one memory
Petőfi in many languages – *Szabadság, szerelem* · Folk songs

17:25 — **Pálinka toast to the memory of Petőfi**
"To the memory of Petőfi – to freedom!" „Petőfi emlékére – a szabadságra!" „À la mémoire de Petőfi – à la liberté !"

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Magyar gyökerek, európai ágak

Public open-air event
No registration required.
Everyone is warmly welcome!

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